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1. From 30 October to 17 November 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 3 November, 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns left the installation. On 11 and 14 November, T-34 tank and truck occupied by 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the installation. The personnel occupying the truck as well as the 50 soldiers seen carried entrenching equipment and axes. On 16 November, T-34/85 tank entered the installation while tank left the installation.

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2. On 17 November, clothing depot I was occupied to capacity. On 6 November, two trucks occupied by personnel left the installation toward the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. On 16 November occupied by four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation.

3. On 17 November, the SS Brieftaubenstation was lightly occupied. On 14 November, about 20 soldiers reconditioned and painted observation towers in forest section Nos 203 and 204 at the training grounds 4 km northwest of Bernau. The area had not been used during the summer season. the area would be re-occupied.

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4. From 12 to 24 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia. Twenty 57-mm AT guns, 8 x 76-mm AT guns, 8 x 120-mm mortars, 8 x 82-mm mortars, about 20 T-34 tanks and 1 SU-85 gun were in the barracks area. On 13 November, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were at drill. On 21 November, 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received training on 2 x 57-mm AT guns, and, on 24 November, soldiers were trained on 2 x 120-mm mortars.

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5. On 24 November, the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse was occupied by 60 to 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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6. On 24 November, army clothing depot I was occupied by 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 8 AT guns of an estimated caliber of 100-mm and 30 x 76-mm and 57-mm AT guns were in the barracks area. On 16 and 20 November, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received individual training on a 76-mm AT gun, while 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets performed service of the piece drill with 3 x 57-mm AT guns. [REDACTED]

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7. On 24 November, the SS Briefstaubenstation was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Seven 37-mm AA guns were in the barracks area. On 14 November, the emplacement in the northeastern section of the installation was occupied by 4 x 37-mm AA guns. On 18 November, about 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received training on a 37-mm AA gun and, on 24 November, 40 soldiers were at drill. [REDACTED]

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8. On 11 November, an officers' conference involving about 100 officers who arrived on 6 trucks was held at the komandatura buildings. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comment. There were no **discernible** changes at Bernau since the last report. [REDACTED] The strengths estimates [REDACTED] of paragraph 4 are probably not high enough also there is no reason for believing that the 120th(?) AAA Regt was not at the SS Briefstaubenstation on 17 November [REDACTED] Compare paragraph 3 of the present report. [REDACTED]

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